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2. MINPET MABRUK ALSO STATED ON AUGUST 18 THAT OASIS WOULD BE COMPLETELY LIBYANIZED BY 1978. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS IN THE AGREEMENT. (OASIS PARTNERS HAVE NOT SHOWN THE AGREEMENT TO OTHER COMPANIES.)

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4. EMBOFF CALLED ON LOCAL CONOCO PRESIDENT AUG 19 AND AGAIN ON 20TH AND FOUND HIM ALREADY EMBROILED IN DISPUTE WITH LARG INVENTORY/AUDITING COMMITTEES. THE SPECIFIC CASE IN DISPUTE INVOLVED THE LIBYAN'S DESIRE TO INCLUDE THE ASSETS OF CONOCO'S TRIPOLI OFFICE WITH THOSE OF OASIS, DESPITE A CLEAR CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH EXEMPTED SOLELY PARENT-COMPANY ASSETS SUCH AS THE CONOCO OFFICE FROM LARG PARTICIPATION. THE CONOCO PRESIDENT MANAGED TO OBTAIN TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM THE INVENTORY COMMITTEES BY A LATE-NIGHT TELEPHONE CALL TO THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM.

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5. THE LIBYAN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND/OR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ARRIVED AT OASIS AUG 19. THEY ARE HEADED BY IBRAHIM HAWASHI, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY ESSOS BEST LIBYAN GEOLOGIST AND SENIOR LIBYAN AT MARSA BREGA. NEITHER THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NOR THE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY HAS PROVIDED OASIS WITH ANY GUIDELINES AS TO HAWASHI'S CHARTER. HAWASHI HAS SIMPLY STATED THAT HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE BOARD AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THAT HE WILL NOW CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH OFFICES. HIS FIRST ACTION WAS TO BEGIN MOVING INTO OASIS CHAIRMAN SWALES' OFFICE. HIS NEXT MOVES ARE AWAITED WITH INTEREST.

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